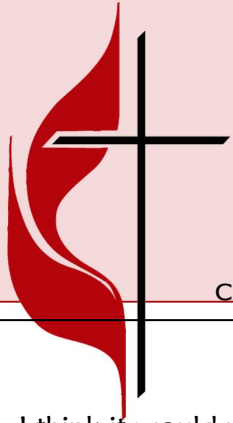


DECEMBER 2020



# CARTERET C O N N E C T I O N

CARTERET STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | BEAUFORT, SC

## A Word from Pastor Bryson...



I think it would not be totally honest if I said 2020 has been a great year. I believe this year has been particularly challenging. Our church has experienced a number of deaths and several families have moved away. The coronavirus has been hard on each of us individually and as a church. Our nation has experienced a contentious election and a high level of civil unrest. I confess that I am one who worries, though the Bible tells us repeatedly “don’t worry or fear not”. I do continue to fret about the events which surround us.

I also know that I have been particularly moved by the reaction to these events by our church family. You all check on each other and pray for each other and love one another. You all have continued to support the church financially and with your work. We have continued to be the church even in trying times.

As I reflect on 2020, the things I worried about have all worked themselves out. Financially the church is in good standing. We have received new members even baptizing a child a couple of weeks ago. We have adapted to worshipping on-line only followed by a blend of on-line and in person worship. Though we have had a couple of bumps along the way our on-line posting has improved and our intention is to continue to improve the quality of on-line worship. I have been pleasantly surprised by the number of folks who tune in to catch us on-line.

Advent Season is upon us and Christmas is not far behind. This time in the church year reminds us of the promise of the coming of the Messiah, Jesus, which means he saves. Jesus comes to a broken world to broken people to save us from our sins. Jesus comes to lift us to himself. This is a promise for each of us and for our world. At the end of the day this is most important.

All of the lessons of 2020 should remind us that no matter what, God is in charge. We place our faith in God and his son Jesus. Knowing this we should be, and always remain, people of hope. Hope for the Kingdom of God for tomorrow and all of eternity. And hope for the Kingdom as a present reality. No matter what comes our way our hope and faith and trust are in the coming Jesus.

I pray the blessings of the Lord upon each of you this Advent and Christmas.

### UMW Soup Sale: December 9, 2020,

5:00-6:00pm

Drive through and pick up a quart or more of your favorite soup. We ask that you maintain social distancing by staying in your vehicle.

Sold by Donations with all proceeds going to various charities.

Soup selections are as follows:

**Chili, Taco, Potato or Chicken Orzo.**

Please contact the Church Office with your selection(s) or fill out the Communication sheet on your Sunday bulletin.

There will be a limited number of each soup so get your order in promptly!

All orders must be in by December 7, 2020.

Thank you in advance for helping us support worthy charities.

### Advent/Christmas Services

Due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty of the virus, we will not have a Hanging of the Greens Service or Monday Advent Services. We will have one Christmas Eve Service at 5:00pm. The service will be outside on the lawn. Everyone should bring a chair. If it rains/snows we will go into the Sanctuary. Masks are required and social distancing maintained.



### Holy Land Trip

Join Pastor Bryson on a trip to the Holy Land. You are invited to join a trip to the Holy Land on April 5-15, 2021. This is the rescheduled trip from 2020. Anyone interested in attending see Pastor Bryson for more details.

### Christmas Mission Offering

Although the deadline for poinsettias has passed, we are continuing to accept gifts for our Christmas Mission Offering in honor or in memory of a loved one. This offering will be divided between Great Day of Service, UMCOR and Epworth Children's Home. If you are interested in doing this, please fill out the attached form in your Sunday bulletin or call the Church Office.

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, December 3, 2020  
12-6pm, CSUMC Fellowship Hall

### Operation Christmas Child

This year we collected 118 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. Thank you to all who made this a success.

### Recipe Request

We have a recipe request for a Crockpot Bread Pudding. It was made for a Wednesday Niter some time ago. If you have this recipe, please call us at the Church Office or drop us an email. Thank you!

### Technology Needs

If you are interested in working with the video/sound system and helping to stream services, please call the Church Office. We also have needs working with the website and social media. Contact the Church Office for more information.

### HELP of Beaufort Food Pantry

HELP of Beaufort is in need of many items for their food pantry such as peanut butter & jelly, boxed dry cereal, boxed macaroni & cheese, canned meats, soups & vegetables, flour, grits, rice, mayonnaise, sugar, vegetable oil, pasta sauce, & bottled water. They also need laundry detergent. These items can be dropped off at the Church Office between 9 and 12, Monday through Friday.

### Snacks Needed for Beaufort Nursing and Rehab

#### (BayView Manor)

Items requested for residents: granola bars, individual fruit cups, cereal bars, raisins, crackers or any other individually bagged snacks such as Cheez-its or Goldfish. Please drop off at the Church Office between 9 and 12, Monday through Friday. Thank you!!

### Feathers For A Feast

A special thanks to all those who contributed to provide Thanksgiving dinner to needy families in our community. We provided 26 complete meals as well as many other food items to these families.

### Christmas at Epworth Children's Home

We have completed our Angel Tree gift collection for the children at Epworth. They can open their gifts on Christmas morning which will bring them smiles and excitement. For some, this is their first Christmas away from their families. Thank you to all who have helped make this Christmas a little brighter for the children at Epworth.

### Financial Stewardship 2021

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Commitment of Giving Card for 2021. If you have not returned your Commitment Card, please return when you can. Cards are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary or in the Church Office.

### Retired Hymnals

We have replaced many of the Hymnals in the Sanctuary. If anyone is interested in having one of these older hymnals for at-home worship, please call the Church Office or stop by and pick one up. Thank you!

### Upper Rooms

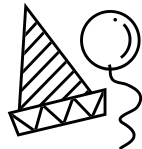
Upper Room Devotional Books are available for pick up outside of the Fellowship Hall.

### Sunday School Notice

Presently we are not holding in-person Sunday School. We will advise when it is safe to return. The Winter Sunday School Curriculum for the Horton and Trinity Classes is available for pick up outside the Fellowship Hall.

**BIRTHDAYS**

<b>DECEMBER</b>		Amy Lawson	17
Paige Holliday	1	John Luce	18
Charleen Evaul	1	Logan Hiers	19
Rosanne Chisum	5	Jonah Roe	19
Glenn Carothers	5	Ashby West	19
Sue Barnes	6	Sarah Bette Bundy	20
Beverly Heles	7	Rick Griffin	20
Dolores McKenna	7	Devi Murphy	23
River McLeod	7	Terry Pfeiffer	25
Katelyn Roberts	7	Mary Jane Martin	26
Martha Smith	8	Chase Gollihugh	27
Hans Hamm	9	James Gray III	28
Margey Pfeiffer	10	Denise Berbigler	30
Sam Belflower	12	Don Meyer	30
Jerry Burris	12	Bobbie Page	31
Hadley Bundy	12	Michael Bogan	31
Merle Hoagland	13	Cherie Buchanan	31
Phil Chappell	14	Holly Llanas	31
Anna Holloway	14	Rudy Kushnereit	31
Mary Graham	14		
Sandy Somerall	16		
Cameron Posey	16		
Gladys Chapman	17		
Janie Culley	17		



**UMYF**

**Sunday, December 6:** 4:00pm, Regular UMYF, Preparing for Youth Christmas Party. We will draw names for the gift exchange. If you want to be included in the gift exchange, you must be here this day.

**December 13:** 4:00pm, Regular UMYF

**December 20:** 2:00pm, UMYF Christmas Party and gift exchange at the church.

Please call or email Lynn Stratton if you have any questions or concerns.

**Children's Ministry**

Children's Christmas Celebration

"The Spirit of Wonder"

Sunday, December 13, 2020

4:00-5:30pm

CSUMC Fellowship Hall

For families of all ages through 5th grade. Parents are invited. Please let us know if you will be coming so we can plan accordingly. Contact Melinda or the Church Office.

Any questions regarding Children's Ministry, please contact: Melinda Ackerman

**We Need Your Help in 2021**

If you are interested in serving in any capacity listed below, call Ellen at the Church Office, 843-524-3841.

**Nursery Volunteers**

We need adults of all ages who love children to help in the nursery on Sundays, once we resume. This will only be twice a year. If you have not filled out a background check and would like to volunteer in this capacity next year, please call the Church Office for a form.

**Altar Flowers**

If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please call the church office to sign up for your special day.

**Ushers and Greeters**

Ushers and greeters are needed for both services.

**Communion Servers**

We need people to assist the pastors by helping serve communion.

**Acolytes and Crucifers**

Acolytes and Crucifers are needed for both services, grades 4 - 12. Training will be provided.

**Connect with us!**

We invite you to worship on-line or in-person (8:30 & 10:30) on Sundays!! The service is posted on Facebook and available on our website Facebook scroll at [www.carteretstumc.org](http://www.carteretstumc.org).

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facebook.com/csumcbeaufort

Check in with us  
TODAY on Facebook!!

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Follow our Youth on Facebook!!  
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Follow our Children on Facebook!!  
Carteret Street UMC Children's  
Activities

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

**Home** Buddy Clark, Connie and Hugh Folk, Barbara Garrison, Hoyt Graham, Jim Hicks, Gayle Holliday, Christine Jones, Forrest Jones, Jan Jones, Becky Lapp, May Lepionka, Marilyn MacKinnon, Lori Mangano, Rich and Sandy Manuilow, Hilda McMillan, Linda Oliva, Hazel Rose, Dora Sauls, Elsie White

**Beaufort Nursing and Rehab** Rob Black

**Methodist Oaks** Martha Smith

**Sprenger Health Care** Jackie Black, Betty Haigh

**Summit Place** Kathrine Jacobson

**Wesley Commons, Greenwood** Betty Elkins

**Connection Deadline**

Please submit information for the January 2021 *Carteret Connection* to the church office by December 16th.

**Stewardship Report as of November 15, 2020**

**Budget Needs Y-T-D** \$

**Received Y-T-D** \$

We extend our sympathy to:

- The Family of **Jean McCoy** on her death, November 11, 2020 in Seneca, Missouri.

**Church Staff**

**ELLEN FABIAN**, Secretary

**RICHARD ZURAKOWSKI**, Carillon Choir Director

**MICHAEL COLE**, Organist

**MELINDA ACKERMAN**, Director of Children’s Ministries

**KAREN ROBERTS**, Coordinator of Food Ministries

**REV. DR. REBECCA BRUFF**, Part-time Pastoral Assistant

**ROBERT BLANTON, JR.**, Director of Music Ministry

**LINDA FERRELL**, Business Manager

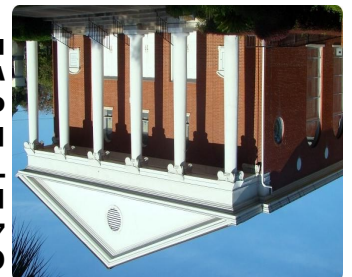
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